

KNIGHTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Medical Officer's Report for 1951

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Report of your District Medical Officer of Health for the year 1951.

Population. The population of the Urban District, according to the preliminary report of the Census taken on 8th April, 1951 was 1,871 (925 males and 946 females).

Housing. (a) Overcrowding. There are very few cases of overcrowding in the District.

(b) General. A further eight houses, erected on the Ludlow Road site, became occupied during the year and a tender was accepted for the erection of six houses at Offa's Road.

Transport. Transport services are generally adequate for the neighbourhood, but there appears to be a tendency for services to be curtailed.

Schools. The County Secondary Modern School in Ludlow Road provides facilities which it is desirable should be made available at the Primary School in West Street.

National Health Service. Arrangements for the dispensing of medicines might be improved. Nursing facilities are available as necessary.

Water Supply. Thirteen analyses of water supplied for domestic use were made during the year and these proved the water to be of excellent organic purity. Ten dwelling houses were connected to the supply during the year.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. The sewerage system and purification plant are functioning satisfactorily, the renewal of the sprinkler arms having remedied defects in filtration. The works are kept in very good condition and tests of the effluent are taken at frequent intervals.

Refuse Disposal. House refuse continues to be satisfactorily dealt with both as regards collection and incineration.

Car Park. The proposed extension of the Car Park should provide additional accommodation for the increasing number of vehicles to be parked.

Infectious Disease. There were 10 cases of infectious disease notified, viz: Measles 3; Scarlet fever 1; Chickenpox 6.

Public Health. The following is a summary of the work of the Sanitary Inspector:-

	Houses	Factories and Workshops	Common Lodging Houses	Slaughter Houses, etc.	Others	TOTAL
Inspections made	99	80	13	52	27	241
Defects remedied	99	2	-	-	27	138



Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Shoop and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	124	33	32	3664	76
Number inspected before slaughter	124	33	32	1880	76
Number inspected after slaughter	124	33	32	3664	76
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	3	5	3	40	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	16	7	2	45	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	15	36	16	2	9
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	1	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	2	-	-	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	3	6	-	-	5

Inspection and Supervision of Food:-

(a) Milk Supply. Dairies are regularly inspected and are generally satisfactory.

(b) Meat and Other Foods. Byelaws as to hygienic handling etc. of food, made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, are in force in the District. Regular inspections are made of all food shops, delivery vans and stalls and there is general conformity with the requirements of the byelaws.

(c) Food Poisoning. There was no case of food poisoning during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H.C. HARLEY

(For J.S.I'a.CHESSHIRE)

